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COVID-19 Cases in Living Sky School Division (McKitrick Community School and North Battleford Comprehensive High School)

A case of COVID-19 has been diagnosed in an individual in McKitrick Community School and in an individual in North Battleford Comprehensive High School. This is the second case in each school. We are working closely with Public Health staff to ensure necessary measures are in place to protect all students and staff.

With the declaration of an outbreak (2 cases) in both schools, all parents of the schools received notification and the declaration will be posted to Saskatchewan.ca. The Saskatchewan Health Authority describes an outbreak as follows: If two individuals test positive for COVID-19, an outbreak is declared for that school. The declaration of an outbreak does not automatically result in school closure. Like outbreaks in acute care, long-term care or business settings, an outbreak declaration may be triggered by a low number of cases but is used by public health to mobilize and coordinate a response to the infection.

Our school plans contain many important measures to decrease the risk of COVID-19 entering schools including promoting proper hygiene, implementing mask wearing, maintaining cohorts, and asking students and staff to stay home when experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

Public Health has been contacting anyone who may have been in close contact with each individual case to provide direction. Following the division's health and safety protocols, the schools received a deep cleaning/sanitizing and will remain open at this time.

We remind everyone entering schools to monitor for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. If you/your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, please call HealthLine at 811 and remain at home. For further information regarding COVID-19, please call Health Line at 811, and/or visit the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health website at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19.

We wish the members of the LSSD family a speedy recovery. To protect the privacy of the individuals, no further details are being shared at this time.

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McKitrick Community School has a student population of approximately 140 and North Battleford Comprehensive High School has a student population of approximately 950. Both schools are located in the City of North Battleford.

Living Sky School Division is situated in Northwest Central Saskatchewan. It encompasses a wide geographic area including the Battlefords, many communities, villages, First Nation communities and Hutterite colonies. Currently, twenty-nine schools are located in eighteen communities. Our schools include PreK-12, elementary, high schools and alternate schools with a student population of approximately 5,300 students.

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